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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is a response to the Office Action of October 16, 2007, which is a restriction requirement.

An election is required between Group I (claims 1-20); and Group II (claim 21).

The invention of Group I which is the subject of the present claims 1-20 is elected.

Respectfully submitted,

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